

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

E0-1642

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 33 296X

June 3, 2011

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

() Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on May 2, 2011, for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended 3 environmental conditions.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following 3 environmental conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority. The conditions are:

1. **Union Pacific Railroad Company, prior to commencement of any salvage activities, shall consult with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regarding its requirements and, if applicable, and shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Corps.**
2. **Union Pacific Railroad Company shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey at least 90 days prior to the beginning of salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.**
3. **Union Pacific Railroad Company shall retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties including sites, buildings, structures, and objects within the project right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, has been completed. Union Pacific Railway Company shall report back to the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) regarding any consultations with the SHPO and the public. Union Pacific Railway Company may not file its consummation notice or initiate any salvage activities related to abandonment (including removal of tracks and ties) until the Section 106 process has been completed and the Board has removed this condition .**

If the above 3 environmental conditions are imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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